

MARINE INFORMATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOTICE TO MARINERS CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) is in the midst of a hard copy to digital transition program. NGA has statutory requirements to produce and make available safety of navigation data and will continue to meet this obligation to the mariner. The weekly Notice to Mariners is available free of charge to all customers through the Internet on our website. Beginning with Notice to Mariners No. 1, 2005 NGA will no longer print and distribute hard copy versions of this weekly product.

The digital version of the weekly Notice to Mariners is available on the Maritime Safety Information website at <http://pollux.nss.nga.mil/> or through the NGA home page (www.nga.mil). All of the information and data contained in the hard copy Notice is also available on this website. Customers can rely on the same quality of data that the Notice to Mariners provides to the civil and military mariner with the advantages afforded by the Internet. Customers can access daily navigational safety updates and not be hampered by weekly mail deliveries of the hard copy Notice.

NOAA CHART NEW EDITIONS AND THEIR AVAILABILITY

NOAA recognizes two paper nautical chart products:

- the Charts-on-Demand chart distributed by OceanGrafix (www.OceanGrafix.com), and
- the traditional NOAA/NOS paper chart distributed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

The Charts-on-Demand chart is available the day after NOAA clears a New Edition for release. The traditional chart is available two to eight weeks later. Each is official, should be put into service immediately, and meets Federal chart carriage requirements immediately upon its release. For questions, contact NOAA at help@nauticalcharts.gov or call 301-713-1773 x105. Dates of Latest Edition for both charts are listed at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>.

This week's new editions released by NOAA are listed below:

11327	32 nd Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD)
	TX-UPPER GALVESTON BAY-HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL-DOLLAR POINT TO ATKINSON		1:25,000
	(New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariners changes.)		
11329	36 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD)
	TX-HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL-ALEXANDER ISLAND TO CARPENTER BAYOU		1:10,000
	(New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariners changes.)		
11345	32 nd Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD)
	LA-IWW-NEW ORLEANS TO CALCASIEU RIVER-WEST SECTION		1:175,000
	(New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariners and various general changes.)		
12272	30 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD)
	MD-CHESAPEAKE BAY-CHESTER RIVER		1:40,000
	INSETS: Rock Hall Harbor and Swan Creek		1:10,000
	Kent Island Narrows		1:20,000
	(New edition due to numerous Notice to Mariners and various general changes.)		
13009	31 st Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD)
	EAST COAST-GULF OF MAINE AND GEORGES BANK		1:500,000/LORAN-C
	(New edition due to various general changes.)		
17437	9 th Ed. Oct 2004 NEW EDITION	NAD 83	(NOS Silver Spring, MD)
	AK-SOUTHEAST COAST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA-PORTLAND INLET TO NAKAT BAY		1:40,000
	(New edition due to change in format.)		

NEW EDITION OF LIST OF LIGHTS

Pub. 113, 2004 Edition, List of Lights, Radio Aids and Fog Signals for the West Coasts of Europe and Africa, the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and Azovskoye More (Sea of Azov), is ready for issue.

This edition contains information available to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) up to 11 September 2004, including Notice to Mariners No. 37 of 2004.

Corrections subsequent to the above effective date, up to and including Notice to Mariners No. 46 of 2004, are contained in Section II of this Notice.

In the interval between new editions, corrective information affecting this publication will be published in the Notice to Mariners and must be applied in order to keep this publication current.

Note: Copies of the above publication may be obtained from the Government Printing Office (GPO).